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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 WITH AMENDMENTS

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In response to the outstanding Office Action dated June 20, 2002, please enter the amendments below and consider the following remarks. Submitted herewith are:

(1) Appendix A, a copy of a "marked-up" version of the specification as amended herein;

(2) Appendix B, a "clean" version of the specification as amended herein; (3) Appendix C, a copy of the "marked-up" claims as amended herein; (4) Appendix D, a "clean" version of the claims which will be pending upon entry of the present amendments; (5) Exhibit 1, pages 1-4, a copy of results of BLAST comparisons of the amino acid sequences encoded by the nucleic acids of Gilbert with that encoded by presently claimed SEQ ID NO. 3; (6) a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 of Dr. W. James Jackson with attached Exhibit A; (7) a Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement with revised PTO Form 1449 listing references AJ-AL together with a copy of references AJ-AL; and (8) a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for three months from September 20, 2002 to and including December 20, 2002 together with authorization for